

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the telephone conferences between the Examiner and their undersigned representative discussing the status of the claims as a result of a decision of the Board of Appeals.

The Examiner indicated that the claims which were previously under rejection and which rejection was reversed by the Board would be allowable.

Specifically, the Board reversed the decision of claims 24, 25 and 87. The Applicant understands that the subject matter of these claims is therefore allowable.

Accordingly, the claims have been amended so as to include the limitations indicated as being allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 25. Claim 86 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 87. New claims 90-96 have been added which are dependent upon claim 86 as amended. New claims 90-96 correspond to claims 18-22 and 26-27, respectively.

It is believed that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

Lastly, it is noted that claim 22 has been amended to correct the typographical error which was noted in the Applicants' Appeal Brief. Support is found in the specification at page 12, line 11.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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